

Assembly Bill No. 1478

CHAPTER 220

An act to add Section 14999.37 to the Government Code, relating to economic development.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1478, Frommer. Commercial filming: permits.

Existing law authorizes a city or county to adopt an ordinance or other regulation governing the issuance of permits to engage in the use of property for occasional commercial filming on location. Existing law also provides that these ordinances and regulations are not subject to local zoning ordinances or land use regulations unless the filming ordinance or regulations so provides.

This bill would prohibit a local or state public official involved in the granting of a film permit from requiring directly or indirectly a charitable donation or any other consideration in exchange for granting, or supporting the granting of, a film permit.

The bill would also impose a civil penalty of not less than \$1,000 and not to exceed \$5,000. The bill would authorize the local district attorney, city attorney, or the Attorney General to bring an action to collect the penalty.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 14999.37 is added to the Government Code, to read:

14999.37. (a) A local or state public official involved in the granting of a film permit may not require directly or indirectly a charitable donation or any other consideration in exchange for granting, or supporting the granting of, a film permit.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of a local agency to assess impact fees as part of the film permitting process.

(c) A local or state public official who fails to comply with subdivision (a) shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

(d) The local district attorney, city attorney, or the Attorney General may bring an action pursuant to this section to collect the penalty imposed pursuant to subdivision (b).

